

BIG RAILROAD STRIKE AWAITS JUDGE KNAPP

Both Sides Believe Federal
Mediator Will Find
a Solution.

WILL GET HERE TO-DAY

Conferences to Be Held With
Firemen's and Managers'
Committees.

Judge Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Court, who with acting United States Labor Commissioner Hanger is trying by mediation to avert the threatened strike of the firemen on the Eastern railroads, will return here to-day and the two Government mediators will try again to bring about a peaceable solution.

The strike order, which was to have been sent out at midnight on Friday, to go into effect at midnight yesterday, is still held in abeyance.

Mr. Hanger said last night that he had not given up hope. Every means of bringing about peace would be tried.

"It is our duty to leave no stone unturned to bring both sides to realize that there can be a common ground on which they can agree," he said. "We will go into conference with the committee of the railroads to-morrow forenoon and we will have a conference with the committee of the firemen in the afternoon."

While both sides in the dispute declared yesterday that the situation was unchanged, there seemed to be a feeling that a strike might be averted at the last moment. Nothing was said on either side that could be interpreted as showing a desire to yield, but the fact that both sides are awaiting Judge Knapp, before taking any decisive action, was taken to indicate the possibility of agreement.

The reason given by Judge Knapp for going to Washington on Saturday night was that he wanted to spend Sunday at his home, but there was an impression that he was in consultation with Government officials and would come here with a new proposition.

The committees of the firemen and the railroads met yesterday. The representatives of the railroads said they were satisfied that there would be no decisive action until they hear from the two Government mediators to-day.

President Carter of the firemen gave out the following statement:

"With regard to the published statements by the railroad companies that the engineers are satisfied and have been benefited by arbitration under the railroads' plan, and the railroads have paid \$1,000,000 in back pay, etc., I am advised by Grand Chief Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers that while it has been ten months since they agreed to arbitrate and some time since the decision of the award has not been put in effect, on one railroad and it has been necessary to ask the arbitration board to meet again and decide what they really did mean by the award."

"This should convince all of the deception being practiced upon the public about great sums of money the engineers got because of the award."

"But having agreed to abide by the result of the award, they accepted their medicine like good sports, without grumbling. There were two men on the board familiar with railroad work and five men, highly educated, able and conscientious, four of whom were not familiar with the subject. Naturally these four men, being the majority, could exercise the controlling vote. Mr. Strong was in a different position, being experienced in arbitration of labor disputes. The minority report of P. H. Morrison, the representative of the engineers, bears out what I have always contended, that the findings were based on statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission that were not reliable. He says the board's decision was a warning of the danger of these statistics."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Judge Martin A. Knapp, who left Washington at midnight for New York, acknowledged that in his fifteen years experience as a mediator the controversy between the firemen and the Eastern roads is the most difficult he has encountered.

Judge Knapp admitted that the situation was more critical than it had ever been, and when asked if he believed there would be a strike in the next two or three days, he said it would take at least forty-eight hours for the firemen to put a strike into effect.

CITY JOTTINGS.

Two men met death yesterday in Brooklyn by falling down stairways. William Goff, 45 years old, of 38 Warren street, was found unconscious at the foot of stairs in a tenement house, 119 Baltic street, which he had mistaken for his own. He died soon after. An unidentified man was found dead in a subway station at 220 place. He was about 45 years old and of reddish complexion.

Flames that went quickly through the fourth and fifth floors of the Clausen & Flanagan brewing plant early yesterday morning threatened for a time the entire structure, which occupies the block on South avenue between the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth streets. Gas and ammonia hampered the firemen. More than 200 dry horses were led from stalls before the fire was under control. The loss was \$10,000.

Dr. Benjamin S. Van Zile of 518 Monroe street will be arraigned in the County Court in Brooklyn to-day on an indictment charging him with attempting to bribe Dr. Charles Rynd of the Kings County Hospital. Dr. Van Zile, now 67 years old, has been in trouble before, the police say. The present charge grows out of an operation on a young woman, who was subsequently removed to the Kings County Hospital, where she died.

Fire burned down the pattern shop in the shipyard of the Gas Engine and Power Company and Charles L. Seabury & Co. shortly before noon yesterday, endangering several boats lying in a slip near the shop. Plans and specifications for a number of yachts as yet unbuild were lost.

Silvio Cittadini, 27 years old, an embroiderer, of 54 West Eighth street, died from the roof of a five story flat at 1102 Simpson street yesterday afternoon because Mrs. Grace Guimard, of that address, refused to marry him. He died five hours later in Lebanon Hospital.

Mayor Gaynor will talk on "Efficient City Government" at the Economic Club's third dinner of the season at the Auditor next Monday evening. Other speakers on the program will be Rudolph Blankenburg, Mayor of Philadelphia, and Henry T. Hunt, Mayor of Cincinnati. James Speyer, president of the club, will preside. Count Johann von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to the United States, and Walter L. Fisher, Secretary of the Interior, will be the guests of honor.

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ROOSEVELT'S AFRICAN HUNT BACKERS NAMED

Thirty-four Persons Paid Expenses, Some of Whom Are Not Now Friendly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—A list of nearly thirty names of men prominent in the business world and in politics who contributed to the fund to pay the expenses of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's expedition into Africa to collect specimens for the National Museum has been made public for the first time by the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

The publicity of the names was made only after each of the contributors had been communicated with and had given consent. Some of the men who put up the cash for Roosevelt's trip to Africa are now his political enemies, but some are now supporting the Colonel's ambition for another term.

The statement is made officially that Col. Roosevelt did not know until recently the names of the contributors with the exception of Andrew Carnegie and possibly one or two other close friends. Thirty-four individuals contributed to the fund, of which the expenses of the trip on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution and Col. Roosevelt personally paid the other two-fifths, which covered all of his personal expenses and those of his son, as well as their proportionate two-fifths of the general expenses of the expedition. The following were the other contributors:

Edward D. Adams, Cornelius N. Bliss, W. Bayard Cutting, Andrew Carnegie, Cleveland H. Dodge, E. H. Gary, J. S. Kennedy, D. O. Mills, George W. Perkins, Henry Phelps, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Senator Elihu Root, Jacob H. Schiff, Isaac N. Solomon, Oscar S. Strauss and Felix Strauss of New York, James Campbell of St. Louis, Ralph King and O. M. Starbuck of Cleveland, Ohio, the Hon. Robert Bacon and Col. H. H. Higgins of Boston, J. C. Rosenkrantz of Philadelphia, L. L. Nunn of Provo, Utah, the Hon. Truman H. Newberry of Michigan and John Hays Hammond of London, J. Jennings, George W. L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

The complete list of the collections made by the Roosevelt expedition is as follows:

Mammals, 5,913; birds, 4,453; birds' eggs and nests, 131; reptiles and batrachians, 2,322; fish, 447; plants, 5,133; insects, 5,000; shells, 1,500; miscellaneous invertebrates, 650; total, 23,169 specimens.

The Smithsonian authorities say that as a result of the African expedition the biological collections in the National Museum from East Africa are the most complete in the world.

WANT DEPOSITS GUARANTEED.

Union Bank Victims Attack State Banking Department.

The passage of a State law guaranteeing all deposits in banks included in the supervision of the State Banking Department was indorsed enthusiastically yesterday by about fifty members of the association of the defendant Union Bank at a meeting in the Grand Union Hotel in Brooklyn. Assurances that there was not the slightest chance of making this law retroactive, even if passed, created a feeling of relief, but it did not abate the eagerness of its indorsers.

The meeting was called by John H. DeLaney, one of the three members of the subcommittee of inquiry, and was addressed by Dr. E. J. Roemer, chairman of the depositors' committee; Henry Nieland, one of the committee; John C. F. Bauer, head of the executive committee of the depositors' committee; and Assistant District Attorney Louis Goldstein, whose activity while in the Assembly brought about the Union Bank probe. Dr. Roemer presided. The Banking Department for its part has been attacking the State Bankers for their methods in examining banks, the Union Bank being in particular.

Mr. DeLaney assured them that there was hope for the bill, but not for a retroactive clause.

INVESTIGATE DEATH BY TRAIN.

Detectives Can't See How Effort's Body Got Into Railroad Cut.

Detectives from the Morrisania police station, The Bronx, spent a good part of yesterday trying to discover how it was possible for a former driver in the Street Cleaning Department, Theodore Effort, 29 years old, of 502 East Seventy-sixth street, Manhattan, to have been killed by a New York Central train 200 yards south of the south end of the Morrisania station yesterday morning.

Ragazza Master August Neu saw the body lying on the tracks and had it taken to the Lebanon Hospital. It gave evidence that more than one train had passed over it.

At the spot where the body was found the tracks run through a deep cut. There is no way of getting down to the tracks from the street at this point. At the top of the cut on either side of the tracks are railings six feet high that prevent accidental falls into the cut.

Christian Effort, father of the young man, said that his son had talked of going up the State. The railroad detectives say Effort must have fallen from a passenger train.

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TOUCHING LETTER READ

Explorer's Mother Wrote of His
Happiness With His
Child.

British sailors from the White Star liners Baltic and Adriatic gathered last night at the Institute of the American Seamen's Friends Society for a service to the memory of Capt. Robert F. Scott and his little party, who lost their lives while returning from their dash to the south pole.

It was the first memorial meeting held at the society's rooms since the memorable one when the survivors of the crew of the Titanic met to mourn for their lost comrades. During the evening a letter from the mother of Capt. Scott to a friend in this city was shown. It told of the explorer's decision to go again into the Antarctic and of the happy hours he was spending with his little boy, Peter.

In speaking of the loss of the little party of explorers the Rev. Dr. G. McPherson Hunter, secretary of the society, said that it was always the lure of the unknown which led brave men into the "dark countries."

"The Norwegian flag," he said, "may have been the first to fly at the south pole, but you Englishmen have the pleasure of knowing that it is your countrymen who have done the most of any in that desolate land. It was Capt. James Cook who first penetrated there and told of a great range of mountains and it was the Scott-Shackleton expedition which first scaled those mountains and found the passage between Erebus and Mount Terror. It was that same expedition which discovered King Edward's Land. Englishmen first scaled that great plateau, where since the creation no man had ever trod. And when they had done all this Capt. Scott returned for another try at the pole, but he was beaten by one short month."

The Rev. Dr. E. M. Deems, chaplain of the Church of the Sea, also spoke. The letter from Capt. Scott's mother to Mrs. William Griffith of 16 Central Park West was written a short time before the explorer left for his last voyage into the Antarctic. It was as follows:

"HOLCOMBE HOUSE, St. Mark's road, 'Henley-on-Thames."

"You will have seen that my dear son is going to try again and go south next August. I dare not think of it and I am quite determined not to let him see how much I dread it, for in my heart I quite sympathize with his wish and we must bear it as best we can. He has given up his good appointment at the Admiralty and is working entirely on his preparations. It is very delightful to see him and his boy. He is as proud and as delighted with him as a child with a new toy. The boy is so handsome. He has his father's eyes, but is much better looking."

GREELY LAUDS SCOTT PARTY.

U. S. General Writes Sympathetic Letter to Lord Curzon.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 16.—Gen. A. W. Greely, U. S. A., the explorer, writes to Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the president of the Royal Geographical Society, as follows in regard to the disaster to the Scott party:

"Details of the death of Capt. Scott and party have just reached me. No men better than the survivors of the Lady Franklin Bay expedition know the misery of body, distress of mind and agony of soul through which these heroic Britons passed the last days of their lives."

"In the name of the survivors of my own command permit me to offer homage to your Antarctic dead. Their sense of duty, their persistence in action, their accomplishment of their purpose, their acceptance of disaster, their solidarity of spirit and their fearlessness of death reflect credit not only on their country but on mankind. I am sure that you and other representative men of the British Empire, justifying Capt. Scott's faith, will equally guard their honor and care for their dependent families."

MEMORIAL IN NEW YORK.

Service at Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine had its American and British flags, which were many, edged with black yesterday morning, the day being memorial for Capt. Scott and his companions, heroes of the south pole expedition.

Consul-General Bennett of New York, with his family and other English friends, occupied seats in the choir stalls. Two brief addresses were made. One of them was by Dean Grosvenor. His words were in admiration of the qualities shown by the men.

Canon Douglass also spoke. Ambassador Bryce was expected and so were some British officers, but both failed to attend.

SCOTT MEMORIAL IN BERMUDA.

Sailors from German Cruiser in Port Attend Services.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 16.—There was a memorial service at the cathedral to-day for Capt. Robert F. Scott and his companions who perished in the Antarctic. The Governor, Sir George Bullock, Bishop Jones of Newfoundland and Bermuda and representatives of the army and navy were present.

The German cruiser Bremen, which is here, landed 100 men to participate in the services in memory of Capt. Scott and his mates.

The Wall Street edition of THE EVENING SUN contains all the financial news and the stock and bond quotations to the close of the market. The closing quotations, including "bid" and "asked" prices, with additional news matter, are contained also in the Night Final and Complete Final editions of THE EVENING SUN.—Ado.

EUROPEAN WAR AGAIN FEARED

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not yet been allowed to leave despite reports to the contrary. It is reported that Bulgarian officers under a flag of truce went to the fortress on Sunday with official requests from Austria, France and Great Britain for lists of their respective subjects and citizens. They dickered with Shukri Pasha, the commander, and the foreigners will probably be allowed to leave the fortress in a few hours.

HAMIDIEH STILL AT MALTA.

Time Expires This Morning and Greeks May Attack.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MALTA, Feb. 16.—The extension of time granted to the Turkish warship Hamidieh on account of a plea that her machinery is out of order and she needs to make repairs will end at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The report that Greek torpedo boats are waiting for her outside the harbor is not confirmed.

RUSSIAN MILITARY PLANS.

Artillery to Be Increased and Defense to Be Perfected.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—The Army and Navy Committee of the Duma has adopted plans and passed appropriations for the increase of the artillery and the perfection of national defense.

Balkan War Correspondent Arrives.

Angus Hamilton, Balkan war correspondent, who was captured by the allies while with a detachment of Turkish soldiers, arrived last night by the Canadian Campanian from Liverpool. He will lecture in this country and Canada, illustrating his talk with stereoscopic views and moving pictures. Other passengers by the Campanian were Lord Leigh, the Hon. Agnes Leigh and the Rev. Dr. James M. Gray of Chicago.

CHINESE CABINET MAY FALL.

Finance Minister Likely to Cause Crisis Over Loan Tangle.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who is again championing the cause of China against the Western Powers, attacks Great Britain for stopping a fresh loan of \$50,000,000 by British financiers which is to be secured by the land transfer stamp tax, although Sir J. N. Jordan, the British Minister, and the bankers of the six Power group consented to the arrangement.

The correspondent says this has resulted in the Chinese Minister of Finance finding his position intolerable and he proposes to resign at once and quit Pekin. This will cause the fall of the whole cabinet.

The cabinet in again condemning the attitude of France and Russia toward the \$125,000,000 loan as a deliberate insult to China, says that if the Chinese Government accepted the proposed substitution of French and Russian auditors for the Dane and Italian proposed by China the provinces would revolt and call for the meeting of another Parliament at Nankin. He adds that a final circumstance is if the large amounts of Chinese treasury bills which will mature next month are not redeemed or renewed China can proclaim officially that she is bankrupt and armed intervention must occur. Many observers already believe that if the present conditions continue for a few days longer the whole provisional government, including President Yuan Shih-kai, must declare that the work of the Government has become impossible.

CROWD AT SOCIALIST'S FUNERAL.

Followers of Dr. Franz Schumacher Make Big Vienna Demonstration.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Feb. 16.—It is doubtful whether this city ever saw a more imposing funeral than that today of Dr. Franz Schumacher, the leader of the Social Democrats, who was shot dead last Tuesday by an anti-Semite named Kustschak, while he was alighting from a train. More than half a million people followed the funeral cortege and lined the streets. There were twenty-eight carriages loaded down with wreaths and hundreds of other vehicles carried the mourners.

An enormous number of deputations from the provinces were present. The whole affair was a tremendous demonstration of the strength of socialism in Austria-Hungary. The police accepted the guarantees of the leaders of the affair that they would preserve order and kept in the background. Everything passed off in a very orderly manner.

ARE GERMAN EXPLORERS LOST?

Relief Party Fails to Find Them Because of Storms.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

CHISTIANIA, Feb. 16.—The Norwegian expedition which started two weeks ago to rescue the German Arctic expedition has returned from Dickson Bay to Advent Bay, having failed in its mission in consequence of terrific snowstorms. Some members of the party were frost-bitten, seven dogs died and others were in a pitiable condition.

A fresh start is impossible until more dogs arrive from Norway. It is feared that this will involve much delay and the loss of members of the German expedition.

PLEADS FOR RUSSIAN CHURCH.

Holy Synod Fears Breach Between Religion and Government.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—M. Sabler, the Procurator of the Holy Synod, has recommended to the Premier that the Government reject the bill which has been submitted to the Duma providing for freedom and equality in religious beliefs on the ground that it would involve a breach between the Church and the State and would make all creeds equal before the law.


He says that in a confessional State like Russia religion cannot be made a matter of private conscience. If Russia became a non-confessional State the Government might fall into the hands of Jews and Mussulmans.

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Dr. Joseph H. Hertz Elected in London After Stormy Meeting.

VOTE'S RESULT, 298 TO 39

Many Colonial Congregations and Federation of Synagogues Unrepresented.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Delegates from various synagogues throughout the United Kingdom met to-day and elected Dr. Joseph H. Hertz of the Orach Chaim Synagogue at Lexington avenue and Ninety-fifth street, New York, chief rabbi of Great Britain, to succeed the late Dr. Adler. The vote was 298 for him, against 39 for Dr. Hyamson of London.

Lord Rothschild, president of the United Synagogue, was the chairman of the meeting of the rabbinic electoral committee. Discussion of the merits of the candidates, the presentation of resolutions or the nomination of other candidates is barred by established procedure. The failure to arrive at a decision must involve adjournment, but only for the same purpose, and no further reference of the selection to a committee is possible. Some of those who have kept the controversy going on for weeks protested at the announcement of the procedure and tried to move an adjournment for a year, but their efforts were shut off by the closure.

Albert Henry Jessel, K. C., the vice-president of the United Synagogue, in reviewing the controversy over the position said that Dr. Hyamson was not favored by the Jews of the East End of London. Other speakers disputed this statement and tried to raise a general discussion. This was promptly stopped, the majority of the delegates becoming impatient at the speakers.

Lord Rothschild finally appealed to the objectors to stop talking and the officers of the United Synagogue appealed to the followers of Dr. Hyamson to vote for Rabbi Hertz, as it was apparent that their candidate did not have a chance.

A ballot was then taken with the result given above. It was taken on proportional representation based on the amount of money contributed to the chief rabbi's fund by the various bodies represented. Individual voting by delegates resulted in fifty-six votes for Dr. Hertz and twenty-seven for Rabbi Hyamson, but many of the delegates abstained from voting.

The Federation of Synagogues, which withdrew from the conference a year ago, was not represented and a majority of representatives of the colonial congregations were absent.

Notwithstanding the heated debate during the prolonged controversy over the successor to Dr. Adler the proceedings were amicable and all the delegates except two pledged themselves by formal resolution after the election to serve loyally under Chief Rabbi Hertz.

Rabbi Joseph Hermann Hertz went to England in May last on the invitation of the leading laymen of the United Synagogues of Great Britain and at that time it was said he had been decided upon by the selection committee of the synagogues to succeed Hermann Adler, who died in 1911.

Rabbi Hertz is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is 38 years old and for more than a year has been rabbi of the Hebrew Congregation Orach Chaim, Lexington avenue, and Ninety-fifth street. He first officiated in Syracuse and then accepted a call from Johannesburg, South Africa, where he remained for twenty years. He was expelled by the Boers from the Transvaal for advocating the removal of religious disabilities. His book on "The Jew in South Africa" attracted considerable comment. He is also the author of "The Place of the University in Modern Life."

The salary of the chief rabbi is \$10,000 a year and a pension of \$3,700 is provided for his widow and children in the event of his death.

It was thought for some time that the Rev. Dr. Bernard Drachman, rabbi of the Ahav Zedek Synagogue and also rabbi of the Congregation Zichron Ephraim of this city, might be chosen as Dr. Adler's successor.

PROTECTOR OF OHIO NUNS.

Cardinal Falconio, Former Papal Delegate, Appointed.

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ROME, Feb. 16.—The Pope has appointed Cardinal Falconio, formerly Papal Legate to the United States, protector of the Third Order of Dominican Nuns at St. Mary's Springs, Shepards, Ohio.

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ALBANY, Feb. 16.—Plans for 1,000 miles of good roads to cost about \$10,000,000 have been prepared by direction of C. Gordon Reel, State Superintendent of Highways under the new \$50,000,000 bond issue. The construction of these highways will close up uncompleted gaps in a number of State routes popular with motorists.

One of the biggest lettings of contracts in the history of the highway department is planned by Superintendent Reel for these roads. If the Legislature appropriates the money in time the letting will take place next month, so that contractors may take advantage of the entire summer and fall for construction. The road around Storm King Mountain in Orange county will be included in this letting.

A new system of patrol for highways has been planned by Supt. Reel along the line recommended by the Minister of Public Works of France.

The principal State routes to be completed this year are:

New York by way of White Plains, Armonk and along the eastern boundary line of the State to Albany.

New York along the western bank of the Hudson River through Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck and Hudson to Albany.

From the New Jersey line via West Point, Newburgh, Kingston and Catskill to Albany.

Highland Falls through Orange, Sullivan and the southern tier counties to Lake Erie.

Kingston via the Ashokan dam and reservoir road, through the Catskill Mountains to Oneonta.